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Date: June 27, 2003

Prior Application:
Examiner: Cam N. Nguyen

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Sir:

This is a

[] Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);
[X] Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114
(prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));
[] Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37
CFR §1.53(b);
[] Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR
§1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 09/735,930, filed December 14, 2000

for [Title as filed]: CATALYST BODY

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[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Naomi NODA, Junichi SUZUKI, and Takashi HARADA

1. [] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises
a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification,
claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the
declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application
introduced new matter therein.

2. [] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this
application.

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OR CREDIT FEES TO
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3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY
OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

					Basic Fee
					\$750.00
Total claims	11	-20 =	0 x \$18.00	(* 9.00) =	-
Independent claims	1	- 3 =	0 x \$84.00	(*42.00) =	-
Total Filing Fee.....				=	\$750.00

4. [X] A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed (Ck# 16680).
THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT
NO. 160331.
5. [] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before
calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is
retained for filing purposes.
6. [] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
sentence: --This is a [] Continuation [] Division of application
Serial No. .--
7. [] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR
§1.116 with any attachments filed on in said prior application
which was not entered therein.
8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) Nos. 11-359576 filed December
17, 1999 and 2000-136287 filed May 9, 2000 in Japan is claimed
under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [X] The certified copies were filed in prior application No. 09/735,930
on December 14, 2000.
- [] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is
filed herewith.
9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to NGK INSULATORS, LTD.
Recorded at Reel 011433, Frame 0529.

10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
 - [] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 - [X] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [X] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
12. [X] An Amendment is enclosed herewith.
13. [] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
- 14 [X] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.



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